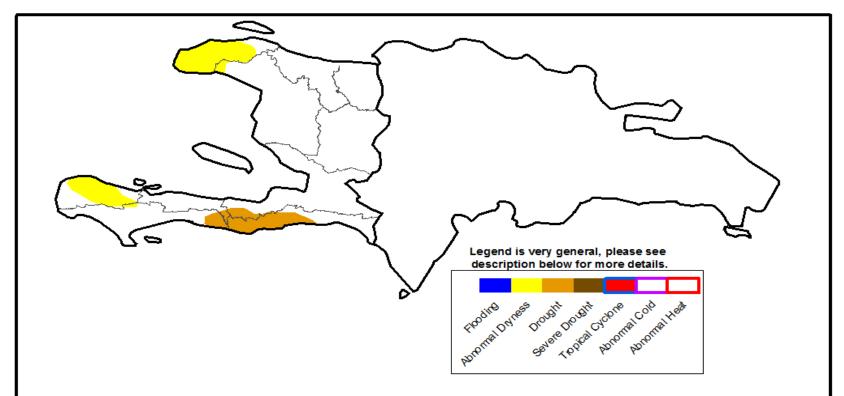


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook October 10 – October 16, 2013

Moderate to heavy rains observed across the central portions of Hispaniola during the past week.



During the past week, moderate to heavy rains were again observed throughout the central portions of Hispaniola, with heavy downpours (> 100 mm) over the Ouest, Centre, and Sud Est departments of Haiti, and the western and central portions of the Dominican Republic. Heavy rainfall amounts in excess of 75 mm were also reported over Punta Cana of eastern Dominican Republic. In contrast, light to moderate rains fell along the coastlines of the Island. Over Haiti, light rains were received over the Grand'Anse department of the southern Peninsula, while little to no rainfall was recorded over the Nord Ouest region. The uneven spatial distribution of rainfall over the past thirty days and lack of tropical cyclone activity across the Caribbean Basin have maintained negative anomalies along the coasts of Hispaniola and positive anomalies over the central portions of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Since Hispaniola typically receives between 150-300 mm of rainfall during October, a continuation of seasonal rainfall is expected to gradually relieve dryness over the dry portions of the Island. For next week, the passage of tropical waves and unstable atmosphere are forecast to bring enhanced rains over Haiti, with heavy, isolated rains over the L'Artibonite and southern departments. Localized heavy showers are also expected over west-central Dominican Republic.